DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled USE OF ANTIMICROBIAL PEPTIDES AS PRESERVATIVES IN OPHTHALMIC PREPARATIONS, INCLUDING SOLUTIONS, EMULSIONS, AND SUSPENSIONS the specification of which

is attached hereto (check one) [X] [] was filed on as US Application Serial Number or PCT International Application Number and was amended on ____ (if applicable). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or \$365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. NONE Prior Foreign Application(s) Priority Not Claimed [] 2000 (Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed) 1 2 2 ្រាំង្ខereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below. NONE (Application Number) (Filing Date) Thereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application designation the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application. (Application Number) (Filing Date) (Status -patented, pending, abandoned) thereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Martin A. Voet, Reg. No. 25,208, Robert Baran, Reg. No. 25,806, Carlos A. Fisher, Reg. No. 36,510, Stephen Donovan, Reg. No. 33,433, Frank J. Uxa, Reg. No. 25,612 and Quan L. Nguyen, Reg. No. 46,957 Address all telephone calls to Frank J. Uxa - Telephone: 949-450-1750 Address all correspondence to Frank J. Uxa 4 Venture, Suite 300 Irvine, CA 92618 I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. ROBERT T. LYONS Full name of sole or first inventor (given name, family name) Inventor's signature Residence woodbluff Rd. Hills, CA 92653-7533 RJL 9/18/2001 Post Office Address ochwood East